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1. The following is a response to the IDS submitted on April 22, 2003. Inadvertently, it was not included in the previous office action. The four references were considered and are not considered prior art that reads on the claims since the probe does not have spin polarization in the absence of optical excitation and electrical conductivity.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher M. Kalivoda whose telephone number is (571) 272-2476. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (8:30 - 5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John R. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2477. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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